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THE NOVEMBER MEETING

SHOREBIRDS- ECOLOGY AND MIGRATION

John Kelly, Science Programs Coordinator for the Point Reyes Bird Observatory will talk about the shorebirds of the central California coast with emphasis on ecology and migration. In his job he supervises PRBO science instructors, conducts training workshops for teachers, and contributes to the PRBO newsletter. PRBO is a member-supported, private scientific organization dedicated to conservation, research and education about birds, marine mammals, and their habitats. During the summer he teaches ornithology at the National Audubon Ecology Camp in Wyoming. He has done research on year-to-year stability in North American breeding bird communities and on salt marsh restoration in Humboldt Bay. He is currently completing an advanced degree in wildlife at Humboldt State University, for which his research is on riparian forest birds' habitat and foraging relationships. He is a certificated teacher with training in environmental education and has taught in a variety of contexts as naturalist, classroom teacher and university lecturer.

The meeting will be **Thursday, Nov. 14** at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, The Alameda, Berkeley.

FIELD TRIPS CALENDAR

Sunday, November 3 — Tennessee Valley. See Oct. *Gull*.

Saturday, November 9 — **Beginners' Field Trip to Chain of Lakes, Golden Gate Park.** Meet at **8:30 a.m.** at the parking lot between South and Middle Lakes near 42st Ave. and Lincoln Way. We will identify the common water and land birds of this area. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them. The trip will end before lunch. Leader: Woody Kuehn (239-7914).

Wednesday, November 13 — **Mini trip to Aquatic Park, Berkeley and other nearby shoreline areas.** Meet at **9:30 a.m.** in the northwest corner of Spenger's parking lot to carpool. We should see returning shorebirds and migratory ducks. Lunch optional; rain cancels trip. Leaders: Delpha deTimofeev and Ruth Voss (525-8032).

Saturday, November 16 — **Birds of Strybing Arboretum, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco.** Meet at **8 a.m.** at the front gate near Ninth Ave. and Lincoln Way. We will look for birds in the various habitats of the arboretum. Leader: Alan Ridley (566-3241).

Sunday, November 17 — Corte Madera Marsh. Meet at **8:30 a.m.** in the parking area across the street from the trailer court just south of the Lucky Drive exit from Hwy. 101. This exit is just south of the Sir Francis Drake/Larkspur Ferry Terminal. Bring a scope, lunch and liquids. Rubber boots are also desirable. This trip is frequently rainy but will not be rained out. We should see ducks, wading birds, shorebirds and perhaps Merlin. Leader: Bob Hirt (383-5337). (✓)

Saturday/Sunday, November 23/24 — Sacramento and Gray Lodge Wildlife Refuges. On **Saturday** meet at **9 a.m.** in parking lot #15 at Gray Lodge. Approach via Hwy. 99 and follow the signs out of Live Oak or Gridley. On **Sunday** meet at **8 a.m.** at the Sacramento Wildlife Refuge headquarters seven miles south of Willows. There is a state park campground in Colusa. For those wishing to stay in a motel, the Blue Gum in Willows (916-934-5401) is suggested. From the Bay Area drive east on I-80 to I-505 in Vacaville, take I-505 to I-5 and drive north to Willows for lodging or turn off sooner for the refuges. Bring lunch, scopes and clothes appropriate for the valley in December. Leaders: Peter and Dolores White (229-1714). (✓)

Thursday, November 28 — Eleventh Annual Thanksgiving outing to Point Reyes National Seashore. We hope to see all alumni of previous trips and to welcome newcomers. Meet at **9 a.m.** at the Larkspur Ferry Terminal, Section H, or at 10 a.m. at the Point Reyes National Seashore headquarters at Olema. We will have a leisurely day of birding and hiking. We generally see an excellent

variety of waterfowl, shorebirds and landbirds. The day will end with the Thanksgiving dinner (about \$8+) at Jerry's Farmhouse (no reservations are needed) in the town of Olema. Bring a light lunch, scope and clothes for cool and windy weather. Leader: Barry Spitz (461-1930 days or 454-2769 between 6 and 9 p.m.). (✓)

Sunday, December 1 — Monterey Bay and Coastal Areas. Meet at **9 a.m.** in Monterey at the foot of the Coast Guard Pier. We will bird in this area and drive north stopping at various spots including Moss Landing. Bring a scope if you have one. Leader: Don Starks (408-371-9720). (✓)

Sunday, December 8 — Limantour Natural Area. Meet at the Limantour parking lot at **9 a.m.** Take Sir Francis Drake to Olema, turn right on Hwy. 1, then immediately left on Bear Valley Road. Pass the Seashore Headquarters and then turn left on Limantour Road. Follow this road to where it ends at the parking lot. Bring a lunch and liquids to carry with you. Dress for variable weather. You may wish to bring rubber boots and a scope. We will be looking for shorebirds and possibly raptors. Leader: George Hugenberg (435-6174). (✓)

Carpooling arrangements can be made for trips marked (✓). Call Kate Partridge at 237-5297 and leave a message. She will contact you.

Trips marked with \$ go to parks or other sites which require an entrance fee.

Problems: If for any reason you have difficulty getting in touch with a field trip leader or need information regarding a trip, call Shirley Kelly (387-8290) or the GGAS office (843-2222).

— FIELD TRIPS COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER OBSERVATIONS- Through September 24

Finally, a September without a heat wave! The cool, calm, cloudy coastal conditions were countered only by numerous weather fronts. This meant that the entire month had small waves of vagrant birds, with frequent periods of turnover. On SE Farallon Island the best wave was Sept. 4-6, a period of tropical storm cloudiness. Another good wave began Sept. 17 and continued through Sept. 20, cutoff date for PRBO's Farallon report. Movements were generally contemporaneous on the mainland. In fact, given the generally favorable weather all month, it is surprising that not more vagrant landbirds were found, especially warblers. Quality was good, however, and the shorebirds won first prize for both numbers and rarity of strays.

TUBENOSES

Highlighting the pelagic birds was the **Streaked Shearwater** 3.5 miles WSW of Point Pinos Sept. 22 (JD, SJ, et al.). All of the few previous North American records have been close to Moss Landing. The same boat trip produced the month's only **Flesh-footed Shearwater** (SJ). The season's first large estimate of **Buller's Shearwaters** was 200+ on a Farallon boat Sept. 22 (TJ, BG et al.). At least 20 **Black-vented Shearwaters** there (TJ, BG, et al.) and two off Monterey (SJ) the same day suggested another good fall for this species off California. A **Sooty Shearwater** wandered into the Bay as far as the Bay Bridge Toll Plaza Sept. 5 (BR). Two **Wilson's Storm-Petrels** were found in the Monterey Bay Storm-Petrel flocks Aug. 31, and at least one remained through September (SJ).

EGRETS TO HAWKS

Nine rather early **Cattle Egrets** were near Watsonville Sept. 5 (DS). Up to

three **White-faced Ibises** frequented Mountain View Forebay and Palo Alto Flood Control Basin Sept. 14-24 (DS, et al.). A female **King Eider** at Richmond Sept. 4-21 (BR, et al.) was likely the same individual that summered in this location last year.

Broad-winged Hawks migrated past the Point Diablo lookout in numbers and on dates as follows: one on Sept. 11, four on Sept. 20, one on Sept. 23, five on Sept. 24, and three on Sept. 25 (all CF, et al.).

SHOREBIRDS

The **Solitary Sandpiper** at Las Gallinas Sewage Ponds Aug. 28 remained through Sept. 5 (mob). At least one **Solitary** inhabited Salinas Sewage Ponds most of September (mob). Another visited Mountain View Forebay Sept. 12-17 (DS, et al.). At Spalleta Ranch on Point Reyes one **Solitary Sandpiper** was present Sept. 14-24 (BDP, RT, mob), with two there Sept. 23 (RS).

California's second juvenal **Little Stint** delighted hundreds of birders by defending a tiny mud island at Moon Glow Dairy, Moss Landing, for nearly two weeks. This bird was first found Sept. 10 (JMa), but seen by most people Sept. 14-22 (DR, mob). Up to three **Semipalmated Sandpipers** were at the same spot during this period (mob). Elsewhere, the **Semipalmated Sandpiper** lingered at Abbots Lagoon and two were there to Sept. 14 (mob). Another stopped at Charleston Slough Sept. 3 and yet one more at Salinas Sewage Ponds Sept. 5 (both DS). SE Farallon received its second **Semipalmated Sandpiper** record Sept. 5-16 (PRBO). As expected of our vagrant shorebirds, all of these "Semis" were juvenals.

A juvenal **Curlew Sandpiper** waded in Salinas Sewage Ponds Sept. 8-14 (CT, mob). Even rarer in California was the **White-rumped Sandpiper** at

the same ponds Sept. 14-16 (DR, mob). Strangely, this bird was an adult, and no juvenals of this sandpiper have yet been detected in California! A Sharp-tailed Sandpiper was at Spaletta Ranch Sept. 21 (RI, BL). Only juvenals of this species have been found.

The flight of **Buff-breasted Sandpipers** grew. Individuals visiting SE Farallon Aug. 30-Sept. 4 and Sept. 6 had only one precedent (PRBO). At Abbotts Lagoon up to four were present, but gaps in sightings suggested that more individuals were represented over the period. Numbers, dates and observers were as follows: one on Aug. 31 (DL), two on Sept. 5 (AM), three on Sept. 7 (MLR, et al.), four on Sept. 8 (KT, DB, et al.), three on Sept. 9 (EG) and two on Sept. 13 (BG). Three were on the Spaletta Plateau Sept. 14 (BDP), with one there Sept. 20-24 (PLaT, et al.). A Ruff was at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach, on the Monterey Peninsula Sept. 8 (SH, fide DR). The Salinas River Mouth had one Ruff Sept. 11 (PM) and two Sept. 13 (DW, et al.).

LARIDS AND ALCIDS

Although Parasitic Jaegers are regular inside San Francisco Bay in fall, two Pomarine Jaegers were unusual. One was off the Berkeley Pier Sept. 1 (PG) and the other was at Hayward Regional Shoreline Sept. 22 (BR). Monterey Seavalley trips continue to find Long-tailed Jaegers, with up to 20 on Sept. 7 and three Sept. 22 (SJ). Another Long-tailed was reported near the San Francisco Light Buoy Sept. 7 (TJ). A Heermann's Gull at Palo Alto Flood Control Basin Sept. 18 was only the second for Santa Clara Co. (DS). Three Arctic Terns came to land in late September, and two of these were well inside San Francisco Bay: Drakes Beach Sept. 20 (RS), Hayward Regional Shoreline Sept. 22 (BR), and Palo Alto Flood Control Basin Sept. 24 (DS). A Black Tern strayed to Abbotts

Lagoon Sept. 11-14 (LS, MB). Three Craveri's Murrelets were off Monterey Sept. 22 (SJ).

DOVES TO VIREOS

Four White-winged Doves were located: Moss Beach Aug. 29 (BS), SE Farallon Island Sept. 8 (PRBO), Fish Docks Sept. 19 (SC, SU) and Moss Landing Sept. 21 (DS, et al.). A bird PRBO banded on SE Farallon Sept. 4 appears to have been an **Alder Flycatcher** but his identification must still withstand intense scrutiny. Least Flycatchers were banded there Sept. 2, 4 and 17 (PRBO). **Great Crested Flycatchers** appeared on SE Farallon Sept. 5 (PRBO) and at Point Reyes Lighthouse Sept. 23 (RS). This fall's first Tropical Kingbird toured San Francisco's Lincoln Park Sept. 22 (AH). Eastern Kingbirds enlivened St. Vincent's School in north San Rafael Aug. 30 (KW) and Bodega Head Sept. 8 (fide BDP).

Three Sage Thrashers on SE Farallon (Sept. 4-8 and two Sept. 17) were more than usual (PRBO). The best landbird on the mainland was unquestionably the immature **Yellow Wagtail** at Abbotts Lagoon Sept. 12-13 (ALE, GB, mob).

The rarest vireo on SE Farallon was an eastern ("Blue-headed") Solitary Vireo Sept. 20 (PRBO). A Philadelphia Vireo favored Bodega Bay Sept. 23 (BDP). Four Red-eyed Vireos represented a good showing. Two of them were adults banded on SE Farallon Sept. 6 (PRBO), while singles visited Bodega Bay Sept. 7 (JL) and Moss Beach Sept. 18 (BS).

WARBLERS

The table of vagrant warblers includes 64 individuals of only twelve species. Several species conspicuously absent will probably appear in October.

Tennessee Warbler (total 5)

1 Pt. Reyes

Sept. 20

PLaT

2 Bodega Head			1 Moss Beach	
Sept. 7; 20	fide JL;JE		Aug. 29	BS
2 Middle Lake			Ovenbird (total 5)	
Sept. 10; 22	AH; MB		3 SE Farallon	
Virginia's Warbler (total 2)			Sept. 5, 8, 20	PRBO
1 SE Farallon			1 Point Reyes	
Sept. 4-9	PRBO		Sept. 20	SCa
1 Point Reyes			1 Moss Beach	
Sept. 17-20	LCB, JL		Sept. 18	BS
Chestnut-sided Warbler (total 2)			Northern Waterthrush (total 6)	
1 North Lake			3 SE Farallon	
Sept. 7	WK		Sept. 4 (2), 20	PRBO
1 Nunes			2 Nunes	
Sept. 18	JE		Sept. 7	DH, et al.
Magnolia Warbler (total 4)			1 Carmel River Mouth	
1 SE Farallon			Sept. ?	fide DR
Sept. 17	PRBO		Connecticut Warbler (total 2)	
3 Point Reyes			2 SE Farallon	
Sept. 17; 20-21, 24	mob		Sept. 6	PRBO
Bay-breasted Warbler (total 1)			Mourning Warbler (total 1)	
1 Point Reyes			1 SE Farallon	
Sept. 5-7	JL, et al.		Sept. 4-6	PRBO
Blackpoll Warbler (total 14)				
10 SE Farallon				
Sept. 4-20	PRBO			
3 Point Reyes				
Sept. 5-8, 22 (2)	mob			
1 Lincoln Park				
Sept. 15	DM			
1 Fort Funston				
Sept. 22	RT			
Black-and-white Warbler (total 7)				
3 SE Farallon				
Sept. 6 (2), 17	PRBO			
1 Fish Docks				
Sept. 20-22	mob			
2 San Francisco				
Sept. 19; 22	BS; AH			
1 Moss Beach				
Sept. 20	BS			
American Redstart (total 15)				
8 SE Farallon				
Sept. 4-20	PRBO			
4 Point Reyes				
Sept. 5-8 (2), 14-17, 23	mob			
2 Middle Lake				
Sept. 22	RT, MB			

TANAGERS TO BOBOLINKS

Male Summer Tanagers became even more numerous. The two in Los Gatos were still there Sept. 3 (GMCC). Another reappeared in a Berkeley yard Sept. 14 after a two month absence (RM). Perhaps the latter was a new individual. Additional male Summer Tanagers were in Tilden Park Sept. 12 (DW, et al.) and in Lincoln Park, San Francisco, Sept. 12 & 17 (AH).

SE Farallon had a Rose-breasted Grosbeak Sept. 17 (PRBO). Two Dickcissels there Aug. 31-Sept. 2 and Sept. 6 were more than our annual complement (PRBO). A green-tailed Towhee zeroed in on Point Reyes Lighthouse Sept. 23 (RS). Not surprisingly, Farallon Clay-colored Sparrows (Aug. 22-Sept. 18; PRBO) outnumbered mainland individuals four to one. The latter was at Point Reyes Lighthouse Sept. 7 & 10 (DS, LCB). Two Lark Buntings landed on SE

Farallon Sept. 20 (PRBO). Lapland Longspurs arrived on schedule, with one on SE Farallon Sept. 18-20 (PRBO) followed by two on Spaletta Plateau Sept. 22-24 (JM, et al.). Two Chestnut-collared Longspurs were at the latter locality Sept. 24 (BB, BDP). Four Bobolinks on SE Farallon Sept. 5-20 (PRBO) and singles at Hall ranch Sept. 14 (BE) and Spaletta Ranch Sept. 15 (AG, WG) made a good showing.

Observers: Bruce Barrett, Laurence C. Binford, George Bing, Don Brockhurst, Mark Butler, Scott Carey (SCa), Susan Collins (SC), Jon Dunn, Jim Edgar, Arthur L. Edwards, Bruce Elliott, Jules Evens (JE), Carter Faust, Albert Ghiorso, Wilma Ghiorso, Brad Goodheart, Phil Gordon, Ed Greaves, Syd Harrison, David Holway, Alan Hopkins, Richard Ives, Tom Johnson, Shearwater Journeys, Woody Kuehn, Brian Lance, Peter LaTourrette, Donna Lion, John Luther, John Mariani (JMa), Robin May, Gary McCurdy, Peter Metropulos, many observers (mob), April Moon, Joseph Morlan (JM), Dan Murphy, Point Reyes Bird Observatory (Farallon report thanks to Peter Pyle), Benjamin D. Parmeter, Bob Richmond, Don Roberson, Mary Louise Rosegay, Barry Sauppe, Larry Silver, Rich Stallcup, David Suddjian, Ken Taylor, Chris Tenney, Ron Thorn, Sandy Upson, Katherine Wilson, Dennis Wolff, David Yee.

— STEPHEN F. BAILEY

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THE BACK YARD BIRDER

“Bird-watching at home will sure seem dull after this!” remarked my new friend from Ohio as we strolled the hotel grounds in Tanzania. We had just exclaimed over a flock of Fischer’s Lovebirds and had discovered a Pygmy Falcon perched in a thorny Acacia tree. Nearly every bird in sight was new to us and most were strikingly colored. Even the descriptive names had an exotic ring to them: Bee-eater, Bulbul, Sun Bird, Honey-guide, Hornbill, Go-Away-Bird, Mousebird, Turaco, Purple Grenadier, Weaverbird, Cordon-Bleu. Being unfamiliar with East African species demanded keen powers of observation in the absence of our guides (who were expert as drivers, animal behaviorists, and who really knew their area’s birds).

Many of the species familiar to us have a counterpart in Africa. The shrikes and kingfishers, for example, are widespread but with indescribably brilliant colors. The Superb Starling, as common as the omnipresent dust, is aptly-named, wearing iridescent plumage. There are no hummingbirds in East Africa so their environmental niche is filled by sun birds, tiny dynamos with slender bills which are attracted by bright flowers. The males sport brilliant metallic plumage in exotic color combinations. These perpetual motion “machines” proved surprisingly difficult to identify because of very slight variations in color.

Birds of prey are abundant. I liked this diverse group and was familiar with many of them thanks to our excellent nature programs on television. Two Bateleur Eagles performed their characteristic tumbling aerial display over the Serengeti. Local legend proclaims that if you hear the far-reaching, wild cry of the African Fish Eagle (very similar to our Bald eagle), you will

return to Africa. Much to Dick's dismay we not only saw several, but both of us heard one. Resembling glum undertakers, three species of vultures patiently waited for a pride of lions to have their fill of Impala. A large, long-legged grey bird with black "plus-fours" strolled the plains, mincing as carefully as a lady in spike heels, as it searched for snakes and rodents. The Secretary Bird (a descriptive name) is a ground-dwelling family of the birds of prey, found only in Africa.

Imagine the Lake Tahoe Basin as a flat grassland sprinkled with fresh and brakish lakes and occasional green belts and you can picture one of nature's most spectacular creations, the Ngorongoro Crater. 4-wheel drive vehicles whose dented appearances were not confidence-building, took us down a treacherous 2500' descent to the crater floor, a virtual Garden of Eden to its inhabitants. Hundreds of Greater and Lesser Flamingos created a splash of color that could be seen for miles. The hotel is perched on the rim at 7500' which offered a unique view of the uncommon Verraux's Eagle, jet-black with white wing and rump patches. As we looked down on him he wheeled about the cliffs masterfully using unseen air currents.

A common sight on the dry plains areas was the Ostrich. The Somali is found in northern Kenya and "wears" blue thighs and a blue neck while the southerly Masai type has pink thighs and neck. The male and female trade off baby-sitting duties. While one feeds and watches for intruders, the other sits on as many as 25 eggs, quietly hoping for invisibility. One nest-bound male seemed to hope we'd disappear if he looked away, blinking his long lashes all the while.

It's a thrill to see the large animals in their native habitat. But even the most avid animal-watcher becomes a bit blasé

after seeing large numbers of them. Our group agreed that the birds gave an extra dimension to our trip. Everyone got in the spirit as we attempted to identify 200 species (final count: 185). I may not have converted ten people to the ranks of bird-watching, but I'm sure that from now on they won't look at our native birds with a jaundiced eye. Travel is wonderful, but there's no place like the familiarity of home. Besides, we'll have those memories forever.

— MEG PAULETICH



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1985 GGAS CHRISTMAS COUNT PLANS

OAKLAND

This is a reminder that Sunday, December 22 is Count Day. We need people to help the 28 area leaders cover their large territories and find more birds. We also need feeder watchers to count birds at their home feeders inside the count circle. If you're on the mailing list from one of the recent counts, you should get an invitation and sign-up form by mid-November. If you're new to the count or don't get an invitation, please call the GGAS office (843-2222) and leave your name, address, day and evening phone number, and number of post-count dinner reservations. National Audubon requires a participation fee from each counter. It was \$3 last year and will probably be the same this year.

As in past years, a countdown and dinner will be held at Trinity Methodist Church, 2320 Dana (between Bancroft and Durant) in Berkeley. The doors will open at 5 PM and dinner will begin about 5:30. This will include a choice of filling soups, salad, and dessert. The cost will be \$3.50 (children \$2) payable at the door.

If you're interested, check the October Gull for more details. Many people consider this the birding event of the year. So, do join us for a spot of tea.

— NANCY CONZETT

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POINT REYES

The annual Point Reyes Christmas Count, an event of which GGAS has long been one of the sponsors, is scheduled this year for Saturday, Dec. 21. Volunteers are needed. If you need further information phone the compiler, Irene Timossi at 457-3613.

SAN FRANCISCO COUNT

See the next issue of The GULL for full details, or phone compiler Dan Murphy (564-0074) or Alan Hopkins (585-5669). Please note a change in the announced day for the count: **Monday, Dec. 30 is the day.** Don't miss the fun of a good day's birding and the afterwards tabulation dinner.

SANDERLING NEWS

The Sanderling Project report 16 has been received expressing thanks for the volunteer support. The census reports 48,067 Sanderlings counted in 449 kilometers of coastline, an average of 107 per kilometer. Washington's density was 239 per kilometer, Oregon's 97 and California's was 15. Apparently, the report observes, by the time of the survey most Sanderlings were well on their way north to their breeding grounds. During the formal spring census by project staff in Washington 20 banded individuals were seen (9 Bodega, 3 Peruvian, 2 Chilean and 6 Oregon birds). More banding was done, with 151 banded at the Columbia River Mouth. Terry Schick and Carol Davis have left the program, and Lynn Gordon arrived in Sept. to coordinate the program. Correspondence should now be addressed to her at Box 247, Bodega Bay, CA 94923.

The reported invasion last May of juvenile Dungeness crabs in massive numbers, eating most of the shorebird food, will have significant consequences for shorebirds wintering at Bodega. The Project will be monitoring this with interest. As of report time noticeably fewer Sanderlings are returning to Bodega. Where have they gone? The census will help resolve this, revealing marked birds displaced to other sites and showing whether

numbers of Sanderlings remain normal in other estuaries.

The Project again enlists your help in reporting your observations of banded birds.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY WEEKEND

This month's birding weeking led by Dr. Stephen F. Bailey will feature the outstanding concentration of ducks, geese and raptors that winter in the Sacramento Valley. It is scheduled for Nov. 29 — Dec. 1 so as to avoid Thanksgiving but still benefit from three days of the holiday weekend. Most birding will be done on the Gray Lodge, Sacramento and Colusa refuges and around Sutter Buttes. Call Steve at 731-0847 (new number).

CANDLESTICK POINT BIRD WALKS

The California Department of Parks and Recreation announces Saturday and Sunday birdwalks beginning Nov. 9 through March 23rd. (No walks on Nov. 17 and Dec. 22 because of '49 games.) Meet the Ranger at the Ranger Station at the park entrance on Hunters Point Expressway just across from Candlestick Stadium at 10 a.m. Take the Candlestick exit off Hwy. 101 and follow the signs to Candlestick Point State Recreation Area. The walks are free and some of the most dramatic winter birding on the Bay can be enjoyed.

BOOK SIGNING

GGAS members and friends are cordially invited to meet Steve Granholm, author of *Discovering Sierra Birds*, published by the Yosemite Association. He will be joined by the illustrators, Keith Hansen, Ted Beedy and John Peterson at the Nature Company, 750 Hearst Ave., Berkeley on Saturday Nov. 9 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

WATERBIRD CLASS

The Fremont Adult School is offering a one day workshop on waterbirds, a field trip to observe them in Alameda Co. Ducks, shorebirds, gulls and other waterbirds will be seen. It will be Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Class size will be limited; students must pre-register by Wednesday, Nov. 13th. Register in person or by mail (enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope); the fee is \$12 and the address is Fremont Adult School, 4700 Calaveras Ave., Fremont 94538. On the 16th meet at the flagpole at the school. Bring binoculars, lunch, beverages, sturdy shoes and warm clothing. The teacher is Alice Hoch. For information call 791-5841.

MONO LAKE BENEFIT TRAVEL

Send a self addressed, stamped envelope to "Adventure of MLC", c/o M. Bennett, 2719 Marin, Berkeley, CA 94708 for full details on their June 24 to July 10 adventure to Galapagos, Ecuador, Peru and the headwaters of the Amazon. A generous portion of the trip fee will be tax deductible as a donation for Mono Lake. Participants are limited to 38 and guides knowledgeable about the flora, fauna and culture of the areas will accompany all parts of the trip.

LIBRARY BLUES

The budget for 1985-86 included no allocation for the purchase of books for our library. The library is a valuable service to our membership, and it should be maintained with current useful publications. A library fund has been established to help and donations of money or books is encouraged and would be much appreciated. Small donations can make an immediate improvement in the library.



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NEWS FROM THE RANCH

Audobon Canyon Ranch - Shoreline Hwy.
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Sanctuaries & Wildlife Centers under the joint
sponsorship of Golden Gate, Madrone, Marin and
Sequoia Audubon Societies
Flora MacIise, Chairman.

Gilman Hall is rising at Bouveries Preserve. The old hay barn designed and built 30 years ago by David Bouveries is being transformed into a "support facility for programs already under way at the preserve" according to Skip Schwartz, manager of the ranch. Mr. Bouverie and Cliff Conley are collaborating on the new design.

The new facility is named in honor of its principal donor, the Gilman Family Foundations of New York City. It will include a library, a laboratory, staff office and assembly hall. It will be a center for docent training and in-house education, Schwartz said.

At Cypress Grove a new trail is winding around and through the fresh water Livermore Marsh. According to Cliff Conley it is a mile and a quarter long and will have three bird hides. Right now only one of these has been completed.

The Boardwalk through the marsh will enable observers to see many more of its inhabitants. These include at various times Virginia and Sora Rails, Black-crowned Night Heron, Canada and White-fronted Geese, galinules, Wilson's Phalarope and a wide variety of wild ducks.

The habitat is frequented by deer, badger, fox, rabbit and bobcat. The major foliage is bullrush and cattails, but there was a lovely display of wildflowers around the marsh last spring, Conley said.

The trail has been built by Lucien Remy and Tom Queer. Work has also included further enhancement of the spillway and rock berm. The project should be completed this month.

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